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Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit their petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for the fee of \$120.00 to cover the extension for response within the first month as required by 37 CFR 1.17 is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

In response to the action mailed on January 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.